

DECLARATION OF INVENTORS

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Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names; that we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design entitled **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PRETREATMENT AND PROCESSING OF BIOMASS**, the specification which was filed on October 31, 2003 under Serial No. 10/701,409;

That we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

That we do not know and do not believe that said invention, design or discovery was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application;

That said invention, design or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued prior to the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns; and

That we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Yes	No

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United States Application(s)		
Application Serial Number	Day/Month/Year Filed	Status

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Serial No.	Filing Date:
60/423,288	November 1, 2002

We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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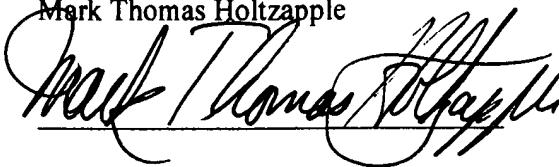
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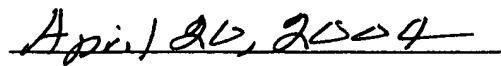
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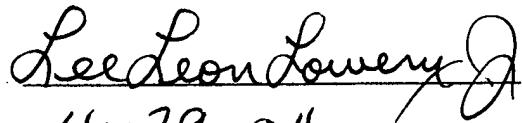
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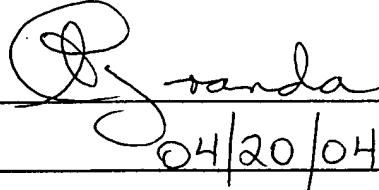
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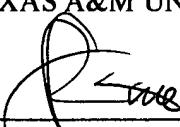
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.27(a)(3) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below.

NAME OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION: THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

ADDRESS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION: 3369 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-3369

TYPE OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION:

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I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.27(a)(3) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention entitled **Methods and Systems for Pretreatment and Processing of Biomass** by inventor(s) Mark Thomas Holtzapple, Richard Read Davison, Lee Leon Lowery, Jr., and Cesar Benigno Granda, described in:

the specification filed herewith.

application serial no. 10/701,409 filed October 31, 2003.

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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization regarding the above identified invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(3).

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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